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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

Kensuke FUJII et al.

Application No.: 10/501,323

Section 371(c) Date: July 15, 2004

I.A. Filing Date: December 13, 2002

For: METHOD OF PURIFYING
CONTAMINATED SOIL USING
MICROORGANISMS

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) Group Art Unit: 3673
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) Examiner: John J. Kreck
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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed November 9, 2006. The period for reply has been extended for one (1) month by the Petition for One Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper and begin on page 6.